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## AARP - Utility Rate Hike - Action Needed

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South Carolina

No COLA, Tanked Investments yet SCE&amp;G wants a 9.5% Rate Hike!

**Attention: For SCE&G utility customers only**

If you are outraged at the timing of SCE&G's request for an almost 10% rate hike economic struggle unparalleled since the depression, then you can do something

Consumers can voice their opposition to this pending rate increase by writing a letter of protest. The letters should reference Docket No. 2009-489-E and be sent to:

Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Att: Docketing Dept.  
P.O. Drawer 11649  
Columbia, SC 29211

The Office of Regulatory Staff will accept letters of protest through March 22nd, 2010

Facts you should know:

- SCE&G was approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next 5 years following a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008.
- New rate hike will boost residential power bills for the average SCE&G customer \$140 a year by July 2011.
- For Duke Power customers, the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours is about \$93, following a recent rate increase. For SCE&G, the same level of power costs \$118. The rate increase would put it at \$130.
- SCE&G has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as public utilities like Santee-Cooper.

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